

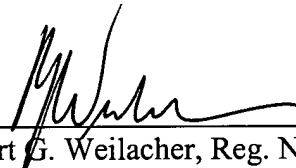
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

New Claims 17-35 are presented as the replacement for the original claims in the case and to direct the new claims to the subject matter which was non-elected in applicants' parent application No. 09/081,568, now U.S. Patent 6,337,300. In the original parent application, there was a requirement for restriction and original Claim 18 of the parent application which was directed to the use of the shaped metal fixed-bed catalyst for performing hydrogenation, amminating hydrogenation, dehydrogenation and hydrogenolysis reactions. The subject matter of new Claims 17-35 is directed to that subject matter.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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